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## Three men arrested June 14th in Elba remain in Coffee County Jail on drug trafficking charges

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Three men — one from Elba, Ala., one from Enterprise, Ala. and one from Daleville, Ala. — each remained in the Coffee County Jail this week [as of press time] on charges of drug trafficking stemming from an arrest made Sunday, June 14, in Elba.

On Sunday, June 14, at approximately 2:20 p.m., Officer Chase Rogers with the Elba Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a white Buick LeSabre on Plant Avenue in Elba. According to Elba Police Lt. Russ Young, the vehicle was occupied by three males.

Young said Officer Rogers initiated the traffic stop for a speeding violation; however, before the vehicle stopped Rogers witnessed objects being thrown from the suspect vehicle. The subsequent investigation revealed the objects thrown from the suspect vehicle to be two bags of what appeared to be methamphetamine.

Lt. Young said Rogers located a third bag of the [methamphetamine] substance in the pants pocket of the driver of the vehicle — identified as Kenya Adkins, age 45, of Elba.

Lt. Young said preliminary weight of the suspected narcotics was 101 grams. These narcotics were sent to be at the state laboratory for verification of methamphetamine and to be weighed there.

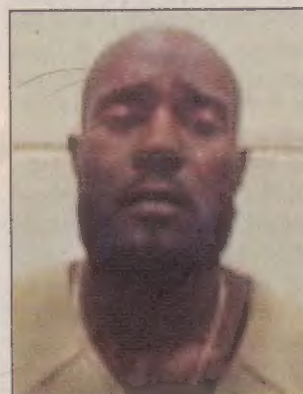
Due to the weight of the suspected narcotics, all three men were charged with drug trafficking and each currently has a \$150,000 bond set on that



Kenya Adkins



Joshua Earl Myers



Walter Engram III

trafficking charge.

Arrested along with Adkins for drug trafficking were Walter Engram III, age 34, of Daleville, and Joshua Earl Myers, age 23, of Enterprise.

Adkins also faces two failure to appear charges, each with a \$500 bond.

## Coffee County Commission takes step forward with rubberized asphalt demonstration project on CR 110

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners approved the next step Monday, June 22, during its regular commission meeting for a rubberized asphalt demonstration project.

During the previous commission meeting on June 8th, the commission approved a request from county engineer Marty Lentz for implement the rubberized asphalt demonstration project for the resurfacing of 1.85 miles on County Road 110. Lentz said the county had been approved for a project grant from the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund that would use a rubber modified mix for paving, including scrap rubber from used tires.

The grant amount awarded to Coffee County was \$288,000.

On Monday, commissioners approved a request from Lentz for the chairman to enter into agreement with the National Center of Asphalt Technology (NCAT) at Auburn University for testing and evaluations of the project. He said NCAT would be testing and evaluating the performance of the rubberized asphalt in comparison to traditional asphalt.

Commissioners voted unanimously to enter this agreement with NCAT.

## County EMA director provides COVID-19 numbers update for Coffee County

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, June 22, county EMA director James Brown gave an update on current COVID-19 numbers for the county.

On Monday, Brown said Coffee County had reported 65 new cases of the virus over the past 14 days. He said there were 60 active cases in the county as of Monday morning.

Brown said the county was sitting at 313 total cases since the pandemic began as of Monday morning. He added that the state overall was experiencing approximately 18 deaths per day due to COVID-19, according to the Alabama Department of Public Health numbers.

Brown did note new cases across the state had been going up recently, but he said Coffee County had been staying steady around 60-65 cases active on a daily basis.

Also during Monday's meeting, county administrator Rod Morgan said the Ben E. Keith project for construction of the new Southeast Regional Distribution Center had reached a point where a project agreement for Phase II of the engineering design for construction needed to be approved with Southern

Engineering Solutions. A motion for this passed.

Commissioners awarded a bid for the resurfacing of County Road 723 to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$457,690.92.

The next Commission meeting will be Monday, July 13, at 9 a.m. in the at the county complex in New Brockton.

## Area Happenings

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The garbage truck will run its regular schedule. There will be standby crews for any utility emergencies. To report a utility emergency, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. As always, to report a life-threatening emergency, call 911.



Coffee County Habitat for Humanity board chairperson Charlene Goolsby is shown addressing the crowd prior to the groundbreaking of the first of two new homes to be built in Elba. Tawana L. Thomas and her children will be the recipients of the home at 538 Adkinson Street while Catina Washington and her children will soon have a home at 529 Adkinson Street in Elba thanks to Coffee County Habitat for Humanity.

## Coffee County's Habitat for Humanity breaks ground for construction of two new homes in Elba on Adkinson Street

Coffee County Habitat for Community broke ground Wednesday evening, June 17, on not one but two new sites for homes to be constructed in Elba — giving two families a dream come true for homeownership.

At 6 p.m. last Wednesday, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at 538 Adkinson Street, Elba, for a Habitat home to be built for Tawana L. Thomas and her children Kentana and Kendre.

The construction of this home is being done in loving memory of Mr. Paul Morrow. Paul and his siblings donated the family home located at 786 Claxton Avenue, Elba, to Coffee County Habitat for Humanity, and that home was sold with proceeds to benefit a Habitat family.

Last Wednesday, it was announced the Thomas family would be that recipient.

Paul Morrow was a long-time support of Habitat for Humanity and served on the Coffee County board for seven years.

"His good works and many friendships will last forever in this home," Coffee County Habitat for Humanity board chairperson Charlene Goolsby said.

Some 15 minutes after the Thomas home groundbreaking, the ceremony moved to 529 Adkinson

Street where a second groundbreaking for a Habitat home was conducted. For this soon-to-be-constructed home, it was announced that Catina Washington and her children — Alvin, McKenzie, Ayden, and Madalynn — would be the recipients.

As with any Habitat for Humanity home constructed, both families of these two new homes in Elba will be required to put in a certain number of hours of labor along with volunteers in building the homes. Habitat says it gives the new homeowners an even larger sense of ownership for their forever home.

Habitat's homebuyers invest hundreds of hours of their own labor, called sweat equity, working alongside volunteers and other Habitat homeowners, in addition to paying an affordable mortgage and receiving financial education. Habitat for Humanity follows a nondiscriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing Habitat's homeowners.

Goolsby said Habitat International has not given approval for volunteers to be on work sites yet due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, she said a date is still pending on when volunteers can get to work on these two homes in Elba, but she said Habitat is trying to have the foundations completed to be ready for volunteers when they are given the go-ahead to start work.

## Personnel highlights June 16th Elba BOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, June 16, for the regular monthly meeting, and the confirmation of a handful of personnel matters was the main focus of the short meeting.

Board president Gladys Yelverton presided over the meeting, and as is routine, the board approved the May 2020 financial statement

along with the paying of bills after first approving minutes from the May 19th regular meeting and June 4th special called meeting.

During his report to the board, superintendent Chris Moseley said school systems across

Alabama continue to wait to hear from state superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey on his plan to reopen Alabama schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic. A lot of local decisions are pending on what the state superintendent announces, according to Moseley.

Moseley had some personnel matters to present to the board for its approval. The first was a resignation from Katie Harrison, high school special education teacher.

Moseley said Harrison had accepted a job with another school system. Board members voted unanimously to accept this resignation.

Three new hires were approved for the school system. All were approved by unanimous vote.

## SARCOA implements telephone reassurance program for seniors

For assistance in signing up, call Elba Senior Center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019

SARCOA [South Alabama Regional Council on Aging] has implemented a new program to benefit senior citizens during the continued COVID-19 pandemic — a telephone reassurance program.

With seniors not being able to socialize at the centers currently, most are on desperate need of social interaction, SARCOA reports. For those who know seniors who can use a phone pal, visit the website [https://sarcoa.org/telephone-assurance-program/] and complete the form on that site. Simply follow the instructions and submit the form to SARCOA.

There is no age or income requirement, and the program is free.

Locally, Elba Senior Citizens Center director Donna Falls said she can help sign seniors up for this telephone reassurance program. Also, she said any senior in need of a meal and a simple hello can call her at the center at (334) 897-3019.

Outside of Elba, those interested in signing up a senior for the telephone reassurance program can call their or in need of a meal, should call their area center for more information/help.

## NOTICE:

The Tuesday night, June 23, meeting agenda for the Elba Water & Electric Board indicated that an 'economic development project' would be discussed under new business.

This meeting was held after press time this week for The Elba Clipper, look for any updates on the Clipper website or Facebook page if the discussion revealed any newsworthy matters. Also, a story covering the meeting will be included in the Thursday, July 2, print edition of the paper.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Loyalty to the President is great, but loyalty to truth, integrity, and country is even better." – Charles Krauthammer

Our e-mail 'mailbox' gets a workout every day! Occasionally there is something worth noting. As much as is in our in-box, Troy Cable has a system that sorts out a lot of the Spam stuff into a separate folder. Once in a while there is something in it that we pull back and review but mostly it is truly junk. In recent weeks we have been getting an increasing number of spam e-mails (we assume they are spam) with a tag line in foreign languages . . . a few in Chinese or Japanese writing and others in German, Russian, etc. We remember enough of the German language that we want those to keep going to the spam folder . . . and assume the others are on the same subjects. Then on Monday morning there was one from Russia - no less - in English and wanting to discuss an antivirus upgrade for my computer!! Russians/Antivirus on an American's computer - a laugh! We wonder aloud just why those in foreign countries think we don't get enough junk without them adding theirs to the pot.


The much-delayed annual Elba car show is set to go and this time it promises to be even larger than usual. Mark July 11th on your calendar and meet your friends on the courthouse square. Precautions are being made for 'social distancing', etc.

Tear gas probably has been overused by law enforcement in controlling mobs, but we think it should still be part of their control tactics. We know firsthand the human reaction to this gas. During our early military training all those years ago, it was routine to put us in a room wearing a gas mask, filling the room with tear gas while we removed the mask and loudly recited our name, rank and serial number. Sure, it burned our eyes and our throat (if we gasped for air) but it was not lethal, nor as physically harmful as a gun could be. And we got over the discomfort by flushing our eyes with water . . . or just letting nature wash out the discomfort with our own tears. OH, and we will carefully avoid being part of any mob scene like it was the plague - or tear gas.

The trainer for Tiz the Law, the racehorse that won the Belmont Stakes Saturday afternoon, is 82 years old. Another reminder not to sell us members of the older generation short, 'we ain't quit thinking yet!'

Well the Navy did investigate the very unprofessional removal of Captain Brett Crozier as commanding officer of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. Of course they rallied and did the traditional thing . . . threw Crozier and his immediate superior under the bus to protect their own hides. They actually officially claimed he failed to take action when sailors on his ship started getting the coronavirus! This is the guy that was fired after he asked for help in stopping the spread of the bug. One rumor was they thought President Trump 'might have' wanted him fired! Now that is definitely a bunch of desk-manning career naval officers protecting their own secure positions! Our take on this matter is they should give command back to Crozier, promote him and all that accompanied by a plaque saluting him for standing up for the safety of the troops placed under his command.

Looks like we may have us a set of twins to show just how you eat mother's sweet snack off the kitchen floor! They are Olivia, left, and Ensley, right. The girls are the daughters of Christina (Bryant) and Brad Meissner of Enterprise. Christina is an Elba native, graduate of Elba High School and former Miss Elba. The twins have a big brother to help them find other things to experiment with in addition to mother's midafternoon snack from the ice cream shop.



**Fourth of July IN ELBA**


**DOWNTOWN ELBA**

Fireworks on the Fourth  
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**Attention 5th and 6th grade [Fall of 2020]!** Students of this age interested in making Summer 2020 The Summer of Kindness should contact the Elba Public Library at (334) 897-6921 or email: library@elbaal.gov



**Cuzin Lou Lou's  
Tales from Yonder**

*Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.*

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister had this big plan to take Papa to a new restaurant for Father's Day. They, of course, were going to practice all necessary COVID-19 social distancing protocols. After all, Papa is no spring chicken anymore and he must be looked after to be sure all is good.

Especially after one of his recent escapades! Papa announced one Sunday afternoon during the stay-at-home time that he was going to take a "ride out in the country, just to get out of the house for a bit."

Well...two-three hours later, a concerned Lou Lou makes a call to Papa's mobile phone making sure he was okay and nothing horrible had happened since she and Sister had not heard anything out of him since he left for that short ride.

His answer... "Oh, I've just been out checking on some of our elderly church members."

"What in the name of Yonder?!?!?" Lou Lou could not believe the words that had just transmitted over the telephone.

"Papa! You do realize you are not supposed to be doing that don't you?" Lou Lou was beside herself. "We are under stay-at-home orders which means not visiting folks, even your church members! And, besides! You are the ELDERLY!!!!"

Lou Lou knows Papa takes his role as a deacon very seriously and strives to serve the best he possibly can, but that was simply a no-no!

Time has passed since that interesting afternoon, and Lou Lou has been proud of Papa as he has now realized the seriousness of the COVID virus. He is doing much better at following safety guidelines - wearing a mask and social distancing. He has even discouraged some others from holding gatherings he felt could be put on hold for a while for the safety of others.

So, when Papa said he preferred to stay home for a relaxing day in his recliner on Father's Day, Lou Lou and Sister scraped the res-

taurant idea [for now] and chose to cook for Papa instead. He seemed to really enjoy himself too as he chomped down on fresh roasted potatoes, stewed squash, sweet corn on the cob, and fried chicken. The homemade vanilla Blue Bell ice cream [Papa's favorite] was just the treat to send him into paradise.

Although, there was a bit of an uncomfortable moment during lunch when Sister announced that she just did not care so much for stewed squash any longer.

"What is this craziness you speak of?" Lou Lou asked.

Sister said she could still eat it, but it just was not her favorite. She said she much prefers fried squash to any other way the veggie is cooked.

Sister already had put the "squash" on cooking a squash casserole because she doesn't like it, so, Lou Lou decided it was time to put a foot down on this new revelation. She let Sister know that she had agreed to not cook squash casserole, but she would not stop making stewed squash - it is just too yummy to not enjoy! Papa seconded that! Sister just shook her head at them both. She said there was no need to be over dramatic about it. She was just saying it was not her favorite way to eat squash...that she would still eat it in small quantities.

So, in the end, the troubled waters were avoided, and Lou Lou and Sister agreed there still would be stewed squash enjoyed as long as there was fried squash all along too! Either way, Papa was happy. He says he doesn't care how it's cooked as long as no one forgets to call him with it's time to eat! That boy does love his food!

Papa said it was a good Father's Day this year. He had good food, his girls nearby, and he enjoyed kicking back in his recliner and snoozing a bit.

"We'll get to that restaurant some other time," he said.

And, the Lord willing, we certainly will.

Until next time...God bless and keep smiling!

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### Troy University announces Provost's List for Spring Semester / Term 4

Troy University recently announced students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Spring Semester and Term 4 of the 2019/2020 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. The Spring Semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 4 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

The following local students were named to the Provost's List:

**ELBA:** Brandi Carr, Katelyn Calhoun, Landon Carnley, Kelli Mack, and Chase Moseley

**NEW BROCKTON:** Megan Green, Anna Kelley, Ashley Morgan, and Kinsley Morgan

**KINSTON:** Hagen Hall, and Lauren Revels

### NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The office will return to regular hours on Monday, July 6, at 8 a.m.

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 16, and Monday, June 22, 2020, conducted the following activity:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16** - Suspicious vehicle reported at Wells Fargo on Collier St (12:08 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 315 Sawyer St (1:53 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 20500 Hwy 189 (1:39 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 720 Reese Ave (2:40 p.m.); Harassment reported at 831 Davis St E (3:55 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Larkin Rd (9:31 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Christian Mission on Court St (10:57 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Dr. Roberts Dr / Old Samson Rd (11:21 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with both resulting in warning issued.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17** - Prowler reported on Jackson Ave (10:12 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Elba Deliverance Tabernacle on Taylor Mill Rd (2:31 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist on Davis St E (2:39 p.m.); Gas drive-off reported at the Inland on Davis St E (5:48 p.m.). There were four traffic stops reported on this date resulting in one arrest, one no action taken, and two warning issued.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18** - Suspicious circumstances reported at 215 Sawyer St (1:42 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 435 Newton St (2:12 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 887 Cedar Lane Dr (2:32 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Martin Luther King Dr (5:41 p.m.). There

were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two warnings and one no action taken.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19** - ATV complaint on County Rd 263 (6:08 p.m.); Shots fired reported on Farris Ave (11:03 p.m.). There were six traffic stops reported on this date resulting in four warnings and two citations issued.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20** - Theft of property reported at 1285 Ann St (12:01 p.m.); Shots fired reported on Pinedale Dr (8:21 p.m.). There were three traffic stops reported with warnings issued on all three.

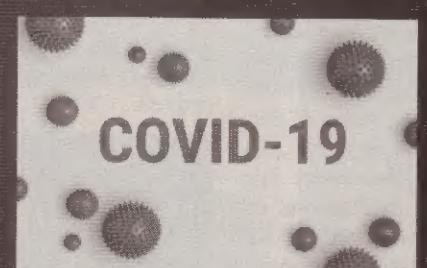
**SUNDAY, JUNE 21** - Vehicle fire reported at 1618 County Rd 249 (7:02 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with warnings issued on both.

**MONDAY, JUNE 22** - Shots fired reported on Jackson Ave (10:12 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Elba Deliverance Tabernacle on Taylor Mill Rd (2:31 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist on Davis St E (2:39 p.m.); Gas drive-off reported at the Inland on Davis St E (5:48 p.m.). There were four traffic stops reported on this date resulting in one arrest, one no action taken, and two warning issued.

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## Troy University's School of Nursing receives grant to increase number of nursing faculty in Alabama

Troy University's School of Nursing has been awarded a grant aimed at increasing the number of qualified nursing faculty in Alabama.

The Nurse Faculty Loan Program grant, totaling \$89,319, is awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As a partner in this project, Troy University will provide 10 percent of the total funding. Dr. Carrie Lee Gardner, Associate Professor in the TROY School of Nursing, is the project's director.

The grant program provides funding to accredited schools of nursing to offer loans to students enrolled in advanced education nursing degree programs who are committed to become nurse faculty. In exchange for full-time, post-graduation employment as nurse faculty, the program authorizes the cancellation of up to 85 percent of any such loan.

"This is a big accomplishment for the School of Nursing," said Dr. Wade Forehand, Director of

TROY's School of Nursing. "Receiving this grant will be instrumental in attracting Doctor of Nursing Practice students to our program and developing nursing educators. I am grateful to Dr. Carrie Lee Gardner, the principal investigator for this grant, who was instrumental in putting the grant together and pursuing this activity."

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) reported that 75,029 qualified applicants were not offered admission to baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in 2018, and the insufficient numbers of faculty played a significant role in those numbers.

"Many nursing schools are unable to admit qualified applicants in large part due to insufficient numbers of faculty," Dr. Gardner said. "The majority of job vacancies in nursing schools were for positions that required or preferred a doctoral degree. The aim of this funding opportunity is to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty."

Dr. Gardner said that over the last five years, the percentage of Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates at TROY who seek positions in nursing education has ranged from 16 to 35 percent. Since its inception in 2009, TROY's DNP program has experienced success in placing graduate nursing faculty positions throughout the Southeast. Since 2015, the DNP program has graduated students residing in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi.

"The DNP degree prepares nurses to practice at the highest level of clinical practice. While the majority of graduates work professionally in clinical practice settings such as primary care offices, and health facilities, the degree also prepares students to teach nursing in colleges and universities," Gardner said.

Funding for students will be available beginning in the 2020 Fall Semester. Those interested in applying should contact Dr. Gardner at [csgardner@troy.edu](mailto:csgardner@troy.edu).

### Business training set for July 15th in Enterprise, Ala.

Troy University and the Enterprise Area Chamber of Commerce are co-hosting two training seminars Wednesday, July 15, for small business owners at the Chamber building.

From 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the Small Business Development Center at TROY will offer "QuickBooks Training for Beginners." The cost of the program is \$79 if registered by July 10. Thereafter, the fee is \$99.

The class will cover QuickBooks Desktop versions Pro and Premier, and focuses on basic accounting, setting up a company, setting up and working with customers, sales taxes, inventory, vendors, bank accounts, and payroll services.

Up to three hours of free one-on-one assistance is available upon request after completing the class.

To register for QuickBooks, visit <http://bit.ly/qbenterprisejuly15> or contact Brenda Marcum at [bmarcum@troy.edu](mailto:bmarcum@troy.edu).

From 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., the Center will present "Starting a Business," a two-hour program aimed at discussing the steps needed to get a business up and running successfully. This event is provided free of charge, but attendees must register at <http://bit.ly/startingabusinessentjuly>, or contact Marcum via email at [bmarcum@troy.edu](mailto:bmarcum@troy.edu) or information on the services provided by the TROY SBDC, call (334) 770-2620.

## Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### CHARLES COLLIS PARRISH

Mr. Charles Collis Parrish, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.



Private graveside services were held June 19, 2020 from the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Bruce Williams and Rev. Tommy Green officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed.

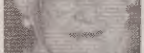
Mr. Collis had a career as a TV repairman, rural mail carrier for over 30 years, and locksmith, all of which he taught himself through correspondence courses. He was a fireman with the Elba Fire Department for 45 years. Mr. Collis was a long-time member of Whitewater Baptist Church and Gideon International.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Whitewater Baptist Church Collis Parrish Memorial Fund.

Survivors include his son: Charles Michael "Mike" (Stephanie) Parrish, Elba; grandson: Chris (Debbie) Parrish, Plant City, Fla.; granddaughters: Angie (Steve) James, Enterprise, Ala.; Mallory (Jared) Worthington, Polson, Mont.; and Morgan (Jamey) Hurst, Birmingham, Ala.; great-grandson: Chip Parrish, Plant City; great granddaughters: Avery Parrish, and Allison Parrish, both of Plant City, Addison James, and Audrey James, both of Enterprise; and his brother: Roy Parrish, Elba.

### MAUDE LEE SHEFFIELD

Mrs. Maude Lee Sheffield age 94, a resident of Brundidge, Ala., died Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Graveside services were held June 20, 2020 at St. John Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Avery Walker officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.

Mrs. Sheffield was preceded in death by her husband, James Tolbert Sheffield; a son, Jerry Sheffield; and by her parents, Thelma and Jack Oglesby.

Survivors include her daughter: Fran Sheffield (John) Hudson, Brundidge; son: Danny (Debbie) Shef-

field, Brundidge; daughter-in-law: Erna Sheffield, Troy, Ala.; granddaughters: Kelly (Eddie) Dickerson, Blackshear, Ga.; Vanessa (Ben Smith) Hudson, Cooper City, Fla.; and Ashley Sheffield (Lawrence) Johnston, Troy; grandson: Daniel Sheffield, Prattville, Ala.; great-granddaughters: Ramona Hudson Smith, Cooper City, and Anise Rose Johnston, Troy.

### BETTY SUE JONES

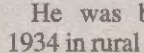
Mrs. Betty Sue Jones died Friday, June 5, 2020.

She was born Nov. 20, 1941 in Coffee County, Ala., to the late Joe Lee Jones and Ethel Lee Brunner. She moved during her teen years to Los Angeles, Calif., where she resided for over 30 years before moving back to Alabama in 1979 where she worked and retired from Walmart in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 13, 2020 at New Glorious Church of God in Christ in Elba, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

### AHMED MAHAMMED BILAL

Mr. Ahmed Mahammed Bilal, age 86, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, May 28, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala. of complications related to COVID-19.



He was born Jan. 20, 1934 in rural Coffee County and was one of three children of Tilma Jones and Ludea Bullard Jones of Elba.

Mr. Bilal was a Korean War veteran serving in the United States Army from 1950-1954. His father served in World War II from 1939-1943 (Army); his grandfather, Peter Hammonds, served in World War I from 1914-1918 (Army); his son, Abdel Aziz Bilal, served in Desert Shield/Storm 1987-1997 (Air Force) as did his nephew, Larry Eugene Martin, from 1980-2006 (Air Force) making four generations to serve their country.

Mr. Bilal was a 1974 graduate of New York University (NYU). He was a senior hospital administrator for two major metropolitan hospitals in New York City from 1971-2012. He was appointed as a representative by Mayor Ed Koch's office to the New York City Health and Hospital Board from 1980-

1982. He was a resident of Jersey City, New Jersey and Brooklyn, New York until he retired and moved back to Elba in 2016 to be near his only remaining family.

Mr. Bilal was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Janice Jones and Martha Jones Martin.

Survivors include his son and daughter: Abdel Aziz Bilal and Falisha Ann Bilal; grandchildren: Abdel Rashad Bilal, Ahmand Aziz Bilal and Courtney Adele Bilal-Holm; and nephew: Larry Eugene Martin.

### NELLIE SMEDLEY

Mrs. Nellie Smedley, age 99, of New Brockton, Ala., died Wednesday, June 3, 2020.



Nellie was born to the late Henry and Lula Bell Stuckey on January 11, 1921. She was the oldest of nine children all preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held June 8, 2020 at Newman Mortuary in Ozark, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing the services.

Nellie was married to the late Deacon Willie C. Smedley and to this union they had eight children: Earl, Elizabeth, Dell, Freddie and Henry, along with three who preceded her in death - Y.C., Ormie D., and Lee Ray. Other family includes three daughters-in-law: Roberta, Beatrice, and Onether Smedley; along with several grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews.

### KARIN MAE SNELLGROVE

Mrs. Karin Mae Snellgrove, age 72, of Jack, Ala., died Monday, June 22, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 11 a.m., from Old Tabernacle Church Cemetery with Rev. Mark Ward, Rev. Roy Turner, and Rev. Jon Isaacs officiating. Due to the ongoing concerns of the COVID-19 virus, no public visitation will be held. All attending the graveside are asked to exercise recommended precautions including the use of a face mask and social distancing.

Survivors include her husband: Rhett Seldom Snellgrove, Jack; sons: David (Renee) Snellgrove, and Derek Snellgrove, both of Jack; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To the Citizens of Coffee County,

The right to vote is one of the most fundamental liberties we enjoy as Americans. It is also one of our greatest civic responsibilities. Therefore, the Coffee County Probate Office urges all citizens of Coffee County, who are eligible, to register to vote and to participate in the election process. Our website, [coffeecountyprobate-al.org](http://coffeecountyprobate-al.org), has a wealth of information regarding all aspects of the election process, including but not limited to voter registration, updating your registration, absentee voting, sample ballots, polling locations, district maps, and past election results.

If you have moved within Coffee County since the last election or if you are a new resident to Coffee County, please update your voter information with the Board of Registrars at (334)894-5347. You may also update your voter information online through our website. Your residential address determines where you vote.

The Republican Primary Run-Off Election will be held on July 14, 2020. We would like to encourage every eligible voter as you make plans to vote to think about ways to avoid crowds and minimize exposure to

the Coronavirus.

**\*Voting in-person** on election day: We would advise you to arrive at the off-peak hours such as mid-morning or mid-afternoon. We will be implementing COVID-19 protocols at the polls, which may pose a potential delay at polling locations, so please plan accordingly.

**\*Voting absentee:** There is ample time to make application for an absentee ballot. Absentee Ballot Applications may be requested online, [coffeecountyprobate-al.org](http://coffeecountyprobate-al.org), or by calling the Absentee Election Manager at (334)894-1100.

For the July 14, 2020, Run-Off Election, the deadline to register to vote is Monday, June 29, 2020, and the deadline to submit an absentee ballot application is Thursday, July 9, 2020.

All election officials in your county work diligently to serve you, the citizens of Coffee County, with honesty, integrity and respect. As the Chief Election Officer of Coffee County, it is my desire that the entire election process be a rewarding and pleasant experience for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
Coffee County, Alabama

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#### What to Do with Family Plots when Families Change

Sometimes individuals will find their relatives have purchased comprehensive family burial plots for children and other loved ones to use. However, many find it is uncommon for families to "stay together" geographically in a way to practically use these burial plots. In addition, children—and grandchildren—of the original deed holder will often wish to be buried with their spouse or pursue another form of burial. **Is it Disrespectful to Not Use a Family Burial Plot?**

Many will question whether it is disrespectful to plan to be buried in another cemetery than what one's predecessors purchased. However, it is important to remember that every individual has a right to carry out his or her funeral and burial as chosen. Having these discussions before the plot owner or deed holder has passed can be a great way to mitigate any future confusion—and possibly sell any unneeded plots.

**Memorializing a Family Plot with a Marker**

Although an individual may wish to place his or her remains somewhere other than a family plot, there are some ways to memorialize the concept of the family without having to pursue burial. For example, if the deceased wishes to be buried next to a spouse in a different location, the surviving relatives can opt to place an additional marker on the original family plot. Although an individual is not buried there, this is a great way to respect the wishes of parents, grandparents and other ancestors without having to compromise the personal desires of the deceased.

*If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)*

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Pastor's Corner

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor  
ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

As I write, it is Father's Day, June 21. This morning at church, we gave all of the dads an unusual Father's Day gift – a small clamp.

Yes, it was a practical, useful gift. But, it was also a sermon illustration. My primary text was Romans 12:9, where Paul admonishes "Don't just pretend to love others. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good." (NLT) I then listed some things that we should "hold tightly" to, some things that can slip away, or be pulled away, if we are not diligent.

One of the points was "We must hold tightly to our families." The scripture reference was Hebrews 11:7 – "It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before." Notice:

Things were about to happen that had never happened before. No one had seen a flood of that magnitude. It is even possible that no one had ever seen it rain, as Genesis 2:5,6 records that "God had not yet sent rain to water the earth... Instead, springs came up from the ground and watered all the land." We, too, are seeing things never witnessed before. Times are changing. Things are uncertain. What will we do? How can we "hold tightly" to our family in perilous times?

Noah, to save his family, began a monumental building project. As a wannabe (or wish I were) carpenter, I'm in awe of Noah's craftsmanship. He did something never done before (built the ark) because he faced something never experienced before. With crude tools and a basic description, he set out to do the impossible. After a long period of time and great tenacity, he finished this ark of safety. All because he loved his family, and was determined to hold them tightly.

Even before our present storms came, it was a tough season for families. Now that the floods have begun, our loved ones are in great danger of being swept away by fear, hopelessness, depression, and more. What are we doing about it? Build an ark – a place of safety – for them. Do whatever it takes to hold them tightly. They are certainly worth whatever effort is necessary.

## Newbia Baptist Church is open for services

Newbia Baptist Church recently re-opened for its church services after being closed one week following a person (associated with the church) testing positive for COVID-19.

The church meets Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. for worship, Sunday evenings at 5 for discipleship training and 6 p.m. for evening worship, and Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

Social distancing is required during the services, and face masks are encouraged to be worn for safety precautions.

## Prayer Walk set for Saturday, June 27, for Elba's District One

Elba's District One community will have a Prayer Walk on Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m.

All participants are asked to gather at 9:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 1503 Mar-

tin Luther King Drive, Elba.

For more information, contact District One councilman Johnathan Lockett at (334) 389-1576 or Karizmah Magwood at (334) 389-6249.



## Basin Baptist Church to begin "Drive In Worship" services on Sunday, June 28th

Basin Baptist Church looks to begin transitioning this Sunday, June 28, back to worshipping on the church grounds for its Sunday morning service.

"Hopefully we have weathered the storm of isolation long enough that our goal of getting back into worship in our church by July can take place," said Pastor Dr. Sam Self.

This upcoming Sunday, June 28, Basin Baptist Church will conduct a Drive-In Worship as the church family and guests will meet in the grass park-

ing lot at 9:30 a.m. to observe the Lord's Supper and worship.

"We have the equipment so all can stay in their cars/trucks to maintain social distancing," Self said. "Our deacon body will pass out individual packs of bread and juice so everyone can feel safe in taking the Lord's Supper."

Upon arrival Sunday morning, all will be given the proper FM frequency number to 'tune-in' with their vehicle radio so the service can be heard clearly via the radio.

"I hope you will make every effort to be at Basin Baptist Church at 9:30 this Sunday morning to begin Taking back from Satan what he has taken away from us over the past few months," Self said. "I look forward to seeing you as we gather to demonstrate our faith! Glory to our Lord!"

Basin Baptist Church is located at 9757 Alabama Highway 189 S, Elba.

## Round and About with Eria's Daughter



Scripture: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Psalms 48: 1-14

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

R.C. Carpenter, Musgrove/Rogers Families, Shane Williams, Mamie Belcher, Charles Dyess, Lizzie P. Wright, Rev. Fred/Sis. Annie Flowers, Shelly Davis, Nicole Duncan

### June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Natasha D. Warren 6/19  
Toshamba Jones 6/20  
Sydney Crittenden 6/20  
Cordeshia Hooks 6/20  
Gwen Coleman 6/21  
Samantha Williams 6/21  
Dr. Tiffany E. Edwards 6/21  
Eva Ann Culver 6/22  
Ebony Belcher Allen 6/23  
Onnie Bell Daniels 6/23 (in memory)  
A.Z. and Sara Stoudmire 6/24 W.A.  
Lucinda Carpenter 6/24  
Juan Carpenter 6/24

### \*\* Good Advice

"Dear Abby" once advised a woman not to have the local newspaper correct the obituary of her recently deceased mother. The obituary had incorrectly added nine years to the mother's age. Abby's response was, "Let it alone." Abby then quoted a series of small-town newspaper ads that continued to compound an error printed in the first ad. A man was selling a sewing machine. Buyers were instructed to call after 7 p.m. and "ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap." The following day the editor published a correction: "ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m." On the third day came another correction: "ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him." Finally, the seller of the sewing machine placed an ad saying that he no longer had a sewing machine for

sale. He had smashed it and disconnected his phone! He added, "I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper, but she quit." The members of the Sanhedrin were somewhat like that poor editor. The more they tried to address their concerns about the apostles, the more their frustration grew. Gamaliel reminded them of some recent history and then gave some good advice: if God is not in this movement don't worry about it; but be careful – lest you find yourselves fighting against God. – C.R.B.

### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 6/18/2020

Q: Who wanted to sift Simon Peter like wheat? (Pilate), (Satan), or (Zechariah)  
A: Satan! Wanted to sift Simon Peter like wheat. Luke 22: 31

Q: Paul gave an account of his Heavenly Vision to what king? (Agrippa), (Herod the Great), or (Augustus)

A: Paul gave an account of his vision to Agrippa. Acts 26 19

### Thought to Remember

"The worst sin is prayerlessness." – P.T. Forsythe (1848-1921)

### Questions for the Week of 6/25/2020 Multiple Choice

Q: A would-be disciple told Jesus that he first wanted to go and (comfort), (help), or (bury) his Father?

Q: To what group did John say "exact no more than that which is appointed you." (tax collectors), (soldiers), or (scribes)?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

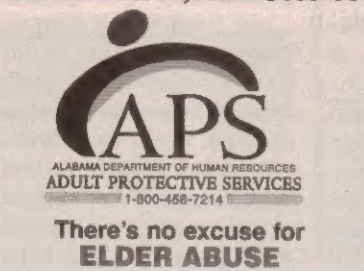
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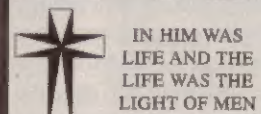
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## Church News is Due on Mondays

# Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

### ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rocky Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

### ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

### BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

### BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

### BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

### BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotten, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

### BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

### BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

### CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST

Rev. Remona Smith  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

### CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

### COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

### DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

### DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

### EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

### ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

### ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

### ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

### ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

### ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

### ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

### ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

### ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

### EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

### FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

### FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

### 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

### FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

### FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

### GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Bro Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

### GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Willie L. Peterson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

### HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

### HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

### HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

### HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Ben Posey, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

### LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

### LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Greg Hancey, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

### LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

### MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

### MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

### MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH

Alan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Kevin Byrd, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

### MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

### Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.

Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

### NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE

W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

### NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

### NEW BROCKTON METHODIST

Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

### NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

### NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

### NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

### NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

### NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

### NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

### NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Loreal Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Noon Service... 12:00 p.m.  
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon. 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

### OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH

Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st... 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

### OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

### PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.



## LIFESTYLES



## Barbara Scarbrough celebrates her 80th birthday in style!

Though coronavirus hindered the original party plan, Barbara Scarbrough's friends and family rallied to give her a socially distant, surprise drive-by parade last week in honor of her 80th birthday!

Parade participants secretly gathered in town [Elba] to decorate their cars with signs, banners, and balloons before driving to her home, with horns honking and birthday wishes being yelled all the way. Those that were not able to be a part of the celebration in person sent cards, letters, and video messages wishing Barbara a happy birthday and hopes for another great year. Barbara was successfully surprised and thanked everyone for coming. When asked what she thought, she said she had never

seen anything like it in her eighty years! Barbara graduated from Florala High School in 1958, where she was a cheerleader and named Miss Florala. She married Philip that same year and they moved to Auburn while he attended Auburn University. They then settled in Elba where they raised their two children.

These days Barbara can be found working in her yard, worshipping at First Baptist Church Elba, or spending time with her friends and family. Her daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and Will Martin, and her granddaughters and their husbands, Amanda and Keith Dickey and Ashley and Mitch Brumbelee all joined in the celebration.

## Zion Chapel Alumni Association selling historical book

The Zion Chapel Alumni Association is selling a historical book containing information shared by alumni, as well as others affiliated with the school, including teachers. This is being done as a fundraiser for the scholarship program and other necessities to benefit the school and the students at Zion Chapel.

The book contains many informative stories, topics, discussions and memories shared from a time so different than that of today. The many tales shared will bring back great memories and information to make readers reminisce about great times shared that will be new to many and appreciated by all.

Information was compiled to highlight efforts made by many to accomplish the accreditation of Zion Chapel, the building of the different programs including football, women's sports, band, and other programs. There also is a special section recognizing the state runner up of the 1974 football team, as well as other interesting information shared by many.

The book focuses on the beginning of the school and what follows, including how different school was at that time compared to today. The primary years include the late 40's, the 50's, 60's, and some 70's [and could have pictures of

alumni that are or were the grandparents or great grandparents of past and present alumni or others in the community or in other areas]. A last minute addition is a special recognition page for the 2020 class with pictures because of the most unusual year they and other seniors endured because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is some community history shared in pictures and stories. Different people including students, teachers, administrators and others have shared highlights and stories they remember and people that made a difference in their lives, whether it was a friend or a teacher. There are many special people highlighted in this book, including teachers. So much is remembered and shared in great stories about many.

The book is 393 pages, and it covers a lot of information. There are many yearbook pictures including the very first yearbook put together before the high school was established along with the first several yearbooks. Included are highlights and pictures of the seniors of those years as many do not have those yearbooks presently.

All profits from the sale of this book will go to the Zion Chapel Alumni Association. Make checks payable to the Association in the amount of \$30. The mailing address P O Box 56, Jack, AL 36346.

The association also has a

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Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites citizens to visit the election website. While there one can:

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- \*Check registration status
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- \*View the offices up for elections
- \*View a current list of elected officials
- \*Obtain an application to vote absentee, and much more

## 2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show now slated for Saturday, July 11, in Elba, AL

The 2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show received new life recently as the date for the event was rescheduled to Saturday, July 11, in Elba, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The car show previously had been scheduled to be held in both March and May, however, the coronavirus health pandemic caused it to be canceled

both times. Event organizers are optimistic the new July date will now happen!

This event is hosted by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers group, and all proceeds from the car show are donated to benefit the Elba Public Library.

The Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, which is held on the square in downtown Elba, will feature cars and

trucks of all makes and models. There also will be arts and crafts vendors on site throughout the event.

Admission to the public is free!

For those interested in showing their vehicle in the show, there is a \$20 entry fee, and registration is from 8-10 a.m. the morning of the show. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

For more information about entering a vehicle, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505; and for more information about arts and crafts contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613.

Follow the Foggy Bottom Cruisers on Facebook - @foggybottomcruisers.

## LBW Community College recognizes '20 Spring Semester Honor Students

LBWCC recognizes academic excellence of students named to the President's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 4.0.

Local students named to the President's List included:

**BRANTLEY:** James Garvin Ayers, and Elizabeth G Grosenbach

**ELBA:** Kristen Violet Tart, and James Dexter Watkins

**KINSTON:** Kelly Alexis Brooks, Haley Michelle Farris, and Dylan Christopher Mixon

LBWCC recognizes academic excellence of students named to the Dean's List each semester. To qualify, students must be a full-time student and maintain a 3.5-3.99 grade point average.

Local students named to the Dean's List included:

**BRANTLEY:** Alexis Cierra Bradley, Gracie Danielle Free, Harrison Cade Kilcrease, Dasani Nykia

Mccray, and Kaitlyn Bella Smith

**ELBA:** Destene Cole, Justin Michael Hall, and Dawson Samuel Odom

**KINSTON:** Regan Shae Hawthorne, Zachary Slade Jacobs, and Amber Lee Medlock

Since LBW Community College was unable to have its annual awards program, student awards and recognitions have been added to a page online at: <https://www.lbwcc.edu/student-life/awards-and-recognitions>

## Troy University announces Spring / Term 4 graduates from local area

Troy University recognizes students who completed the requirements for graduation during the Spring Semester and Term 4 of the 2019/2020 academic year.

The Spring Semester includes graduates from the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 4 graduates include students at TROY's campuses in Do-

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## News from the Elba Public Library:

The Elba Public Library is open by appointment only. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

Maximum capacity for the building is five patrons, and there is a 30-minute time limit being exercised. Call 334-897-6921

for availability.

Masks are required upon entering building. Please follow all posted guidelines. Temporary library hours are Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## Registration underway for Summer Learning Program

Just a Few Notes:

- Registration began June 8th and continues for the duration of the program.
- At registration reading records will be given to each participant. Awards will be given to the top reader in each age group. Reading records must be turned in by July 24th to be eligible for prizes.
- New packets will be available every Monday. Pick up at personal convenience.
- All ages are welcome to participate.

Ways to participate:

1. Come by the Elba Public Library and register the child to receive "SLP Activity Packets" with reading records, for children to record books read, and other activities. (Children who are registered will be eligible



for prizes and awards at the end of the summer, awards given for each age group).

2. Pick up free (no commitment) "Fun Packets" at the library and at the "Little Free Libraries" located around town.

3. Preschoolers can also participate by signing up for 1000 Books before Kindergarten. Prize given for every 100 books read!! Single titles can be read multiple times. Preschoolers learn best by repetition.

## Troy University recognizes locals named to Chancellor's List

Troy University recognizes students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for the spring semester and Term 4 of the

2019/2020 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. The spring semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 4 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students who made the Chancellor's List include:

**ELBA:** Alexander Beer-

enstrauch, Mary Brunson,

Ethan Deal, Kaylor Hataway, and Rosanna Thrash

**NEW BROCKTON:** Courtney Calhoun, Brittney Lee, and Caroline Morgan

**JACK:** Cassidy Hester, Savannah Parker, Rebekah Phillips, and Madison Powell

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**Benefits:** The Elba Water Works and Electric Board offers BC BS Health and Dental Insurance, State Retirement, paid vacation, sick time and holidays.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
LISA LYNN FULLER,  
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IN THE PROBATE  
COURT OF  
COFFEE COUNTY, ALA-  
BAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO: PC2020-006

### NOTICE OF PUBLICA- TION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020 by the Honorable, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2020.

/s/ Gavin Mauldin

Personal Representative

6/11, 6/18 & 6/25-pd.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated May 30, 2007, executed by Clarence Raymond Behan, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for MortgageAmerica, Inc., which mortgage was recorded on May 30, 2007, in OFFREC Book 409, Page 330, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which mortgage was, duly transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2020, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 6, Block C, Forest Park Subdivision, an addition to the City of Enterprise, a map or plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 72, Office of the Judge of Probate, Coffee County, Alabama.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802. Stephens Millirons, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee for Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F Transferee

Robert J. Wermuth/mgw Stephens Millirons, P.C. P.O. Box 307 Huntsville, Alabama 35804 Attorney for Mortgagee

The Elba Clipper June 25, 2020, July 2, 2020, July 9, 2020

### NOTICE OF ELECTION STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

Pursuant to and in accordance with Ala. Code § 17-9-5 (1975), and such other requirements, I, Jodee R. Thomson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, do hereby give notice that the Republican Primary Run-off Election and will be conducted in Coffee County on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. The offices to appear on the ballot are as follows:

United States Senator

United States Representative 2nd Congressional District

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate

Coffee County, Alabama 6/25/1tc

including FSA county offices, are open for business by phone only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](http://farmers.gov/coronavirus). Visit [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov) to find location and contact information for the nearest FSA county office.

Producers who do not complete enrollment by close of business local time on Tuesday, June 30 will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2020 crop year and will be ineligible to receive a payment should one trigger for an eligible crop.

ARC and PLC contracts can be mailed or emailed to producers for signature depending on producer preference. Signed contracts can be mailed or emailed back to FSA or, arrangements can be made in advance with FSA to drop off signed contracts at the FSA county office - call ahead for local drop off and other options available for submitting signed contracts electronically.

USDA Service Centers,

June 30th is last day to complete enrollment for 2020 ARC or PLC

Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2020 must do so by June 30. Although program elections for the 2020 crop year remain the same as elections made for 2019, all producers need to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to sign a 2020 enrollment contract.

"The Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs are critical safety-net programs for farmers, helping producers weather market distortions resulting from natural disasters, trade disruptions and, this year, a pandemic," said FSA Administrator Richard

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## For the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election Deadline to apply for absentee ballot is Thursday, July 9th

Thursday, July 9, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to apply for absentee ballots for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton, Coffee County Courthouses, and online at [www.coffee-countyvotest.com](http://www.coffee-countyvotest.com). The Absentee Election Manager is Linda Mills her mailing address is P. O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL 36351. Physical location is 1065 East McKinnon Street, 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama. Telephone number: 334-894-1100.

Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons:

- The voter is out of the country or state on Election Day.
- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.
- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.
- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.
- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, or is similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee

## Educational Programs planned by Extension Office:

### Eating Smart Being Active

Have children at home? Struggling to prepare healthy meals on a tight budget? If "Yes", consider participating in the Eating Smart Being Active program.

Those who qualify can enroll in the free, six lesson series from the comfort of home using Zoom, FaceTime, Facebook Messenger or phone. Participants will receive great information plus lesson reinforcement items that will help move towards better health.

For more information contact Brandy Peeples, Nutrition Educator, with the Alabama Coffee County Cooperative Extension System. Call 334-894-5596 or email [bsp0023@auburn.edu](mailto:bsp0023@auburn.edu)

### Today's Mom

Expecting a baby? Want to learn relaxation techniques for a healthy delivery? Considering breastfeeding? Participate in Today's Mom!

Moms-to-be can enroll in this free, six lesson program being offered by Alabama Coffee County Cooperative Extension System. Pregnant teens and women, along with their supporters, can receive useful information and lesson reinforcements that support the nine month journey to their baby's healthy arrival.

Now available by Zoom, FaceTime, Facebook Messenger or phone. Contact Brandy Peeples, Nutrition Educator, to get started. Call 334-894-5596 or email [bsp0023@auburn.edu](mailto:bsp0023@auburn.edu).

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## NOTICE:

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The public test is open to the general public and is invited to attend. This public testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

**Elba Farmer's  
Market is open  
Saturdays  
8 a.m. until  
12 Noon!**

## Deadline to register to vote in July 14th Primary Run-Off Election is June 29th

Monday, June 29, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

The Board of Registrars' office is located in the Coffee County Complex, 1065 East McKinnon Street New Brockton, AL. Requirements to register to vote are:

1. Person must be 18 years of age and a United States citizen; and
2. Person must live at the address provided on the application to register; and
3. Person must not be barred from voting by reason of felony conviction; and
4. Person must not have been adjudged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law.

Voters who want to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars. The telephone number for the Board of Registrars is 334-894-5347.

For further information contact: Coffee County Board of Registrars, 1065 East McKinnon Street, 6

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## STATE OF ALABAMA: COUNTY OF COFFEE: ELECTION APPOINTMENT POLL WORKER APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to the provision of Section §17-8-1 et. Seq., Code of Alabama, 1975 as last amended, we the undersigned Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate, Sheriff and Amy Reeves, Clerk of Circuit Court, as members of the Election Appointment Board for Coffee County Alabama do hereby appoint the following named electors to conduct Run-Off Election to be held on July 14, 2020. Done this the 24th day of June, 2020

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate  
/s/ Dave Sutton, Sheriff  
/s/ Amy Reeves, Clerk of Circuit Court

### NOTICE TO ALL ELECTION OFFICIALS

In accordance with the 1975 Code of Alabama Section §17-8-9, a School of Instruction will be held for all election officials. State law provides that no election official shall serve in any election district in which a voting machine is used, unless he or she has received such instruction from the instructor prior to each election. All election officials must attend the election schools by law. The Election School will be held on the following dates: \*9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 27th At the Coffee County Commission Meeting Room, in New Brockton

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## SPORTS NEWS

Views From  
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Lawson went with his Mom and Aunt Mel Mel** to the beach again last week and after coming home said he had the best time ever. Our grandson loves the water, no matter if it is at the beach or at a pool, and since it gets him away from his game system and gets him outdoors, I am all for it!

**I talked with Elba Tiger head coach** Marc Sieving over the weekend and continued to be impressed with his work ethic and his philosophy concerning football and the goals he and his players have with ten weeks left before the start of the season. Coach Sieving understands what all high school programs are going through, makes no excuses for hardships created by the virus and talks about taking it one step at a time. I know the team may be behind the eight ball a little since it is having to learn a new offense and defense without the benefit of spring training, but don't look for anyone at Tigertown to make any excuses and don't look for the Tigers to not be ready to go when they kick it off in mid-August. Coach Sieving has a plan and I believe he is just the man to make sure it is followed and that his team will be ready to go.

## Sieving feels Tigers are ahead of schedule

The Elba Tigers wrapped up their third week of summer football workouts last week and new Tiger head coach Marc Sieving stated it has been a good three weeks for everyone involved in the program.

"My goal at the start of summer workouts was to work on conditioning and to begin to put in the basic offense and defense," said Sieving, "and after three weeks we are farther along than I had hoped. I feel good about the numbers we have at workouts, the players are getting in shape more every day and we all feel good about where we are on offense and defense. All the players are really working hard both in the weight room and on the practice field, the weather has cooperated and I believe we as coaches and all the players look forward to coming to practice every day and are committed to improve."

"I am a little disappointed in the number of younger players that have been coming to workouts," added Sieving, "but I didn't get the chance to meet with them before school closed and



didn't get the chance to sell them on our program. The ones that are coming are working three days a week and are working hard, but the numbers just aren't what we need. Hopefully others will hear about what we are doing and make the decision to join us and become an Elba Tiger."

"Back when we got started I had a plan for the month of June and said after that we would work on a plan for July," added Sieving. "Well, this is the last week of June workouts and we will be off the week of the fourth. So, it is time to

plan for July. The varsity players will come back on July 6 and for two weeks will work out four days a week. The workouts will be similar to what we have been doing, but obviously with three weeks under our belts will take the next step. July 27 will be the first official day of practice under AHSAA guidelines, and after three days in shorts we will put on the pads and get to work."

"We had a really good week of work last week on both offense and defense and expect that to carry over this week," added the new Tiger head man. "The players have picked up on the offense well so far and the defense is about sixty-percent installed. That doesn't mean we are ready to play, but we are taking steps in that direction. We will work on putting in the base plays on offense and the base calls on defense, and work to perfect that every day. Our offensive playbook may not be real thick at the present time, but we want to make sure we have the basics down pat. It is all about repetition and working to make sure what we do we will do well. We aren't going to throw a lot at the players at one time and get them confused. We are going to work hard at what we do and learn to do it well."

"There are still a lot of unknowns about the school year and what can happen due to the virus," said Sieving, "but we can't control that. So, our job is to get in shape, stay healthy and get ready to play football come August 21. I feel good about where we are and where we are headed and am excited every day when I head to the school for practice."

"We were within reach and also confident, overly confident. The last one was the Warrior River drainage. We reached an area we know like the backs of our hands about 4:30."

"You can catch a redeye on any color as long as it's yellow," said Steven. "The Woolly Bugger is the quintessential fly used all over the world."

Casting a Peach Cone-head Woolly Bugger, Kevin hooked up at 7:58 p.m.

"Get the net, get the net, he started screaming," Steven said. "It was 8:01 p.m. when he netted the last fish we needed."

Despite the unbelievable accomplishment, the brothers were too tired to do much celebrating.

"It was an epic finish to an epic day,"

years of fishing for them, we kind of felt like we knew where the different species were. When we were doing the Grand Slam, I had caught two, the Coosa and the Tallapoosa, in one day and decided to try it."

The Scoggins brothers doubled down on their logistics and recently made their "third time's the charm" redeye trip.

"This was all done wading," Steven said. "We're targeting these backcountry streams. It's really the most beautiful parts of Alabama you've ever seen. What we found out is that if you find rhododendrons and mountain laurels, you can find redeye bass. The moniker for redeye bass is the Bama brook trout because they share similar locations as brook trout in the Appalachian Mountains."

"We started in Tallapoosa drainage," Steven said. "Kevin caught a fish at 8:30, but I didn't catch my fish until about 9:15. Second was a drive to the Coosa River drainage. It was an hour's drive and an extremely tough hike to the stream. It took about three-quarters of a mile of fishing for us both to get our fish. That was about 11:30. We looked at each other and said, 'We're going to be able to do this today.'"

Next up was a trip to the upper reaches of the Cahaba River north of Trussville. By 3:15, they both had Cahaba redeyes.

"This is where the story takes a downturn," Steven

has filed a \$7.025 million lawsuit against the Arkansas Razorback Foundation claiming he is owed that amount in a settlement after his termination as the head coach. The foundation stopped making the \$320,000 per month payment in December, 2018, after the coach was hired as an assistant coach with the New England Patriots. The foundation declared the new coaching position was comparable in stature to the head coaching job at Arkansas, and therefore was no longer obligated to make the payments. The settlement agreed upon stated Bielema would receive a total of \$11.935 million to be paid through 2020 in monthly installments. It is common for a coach to seek employment in the profession after being fired, and Bielema argues that the salary with the Patriots and the assistant coaching position are not equal to that of his former position at Arkansas. I'd guess an out of court settlement will be reached before this thing goes back to court.

A survey conducted by Referee magazine discovered that nearly one-third of high school and youth sports officials do not feel comfortable about returning to the field during the pandemic. Older officials are not eager to out themselves in harm's way, and since football has been labeled a 'close contact sport,' the fear of contracting the disease would greatly multiply. A football is handled by a minimum of four people on every play, and while the wearing of gloves would help matters, it would be kind of hard to blow a whistle while wearing a facemask. The officials can arrive already dressed in their uniforms to keep them out of locker rooms and most of the time can keep outside the six-foot social distancing circle, but there is really no easy answer in a time that more and more qualified and experienced officials are already getting out of the profession.

The Enterprise Department of Parks and Recreation opened its baseball and softball seasons last week and have stated the season would last five or six weeks. Recreation officials admitted that numbers were down in both leagues, especially in softball, where only 20-25 percent of the youth eligible to play are taking part, which resulted in the sport being played only one night per week. I congratulate the folks in Enterprise for going ahead with the season and know they will take every precaution to keep everyone safe that plays and attends the games. Have fun!

Former Elba Tiger head football coach Pate Harrison resurfaced last week as the new head coach at Rehobeth. Harrison had reportedly accepted assistant positions at Cairo, Georgia and Prattville, Alabama in recent months, but obviously never gave up on his goal to be a head coach, and is now the leader of the 5A Rebels, that posted an 8-3 record a year ago. Harrison's return to the Wiregrass coaching ranks will certainly make the coming season a little more interesting.

The nominees for the 2021 College Football Hall of Fame were announced last week, and while there were a lot of very deserving former college stars on the list, it also included the names of six people that are familiar to most football fans across the state. Former Auburn linebacker Greg Carr is a longshot to get in the hall, as are former Troy Trojans Al Lucas (DL) and Freddie Thomas (DB), while those that have a pretty good shot are former Alabama standouts Antonio Langham (DB) and Chris Samuels (OL), as well as former Troy coach Larry Blakeney. Just to be nominated is an honor, but to make the hall is a dream of all players and coaches. We here in Elba are proud that we have a former Tiger in the Hall of Fame in Ronald McKinnon, a former college standout at North Alabama and a 10-year NFL linebacker.

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## Join Alabama fishing history

## Scoggins brothers complete 'redeye' grand slam

By DAVID RAINER

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

When the Scoggins brothers accept a challenge, there's no turning back.

The firefighter brothers, Kevin at Hueytown and Steven at Hoover, revert to their roots to decompress from the stressful life as first responders. They find their solace casting flies in the many beautiful streams and creeks that crisscross the state. Steven said he started catching fish in the streams that he regularly visited, but he wasn't sure what he was catching. His research indicated they might be redeye bass. The more research he did, the more he decided to focus on redeyes and the streams and rivers they inhabit. He also discovered that each drainage has a different species of redeye.

"I really started searching out those streams with redeyes," he said. "When my son, Kaden, got old enough to go with me in 2013 or 2014, we started going to these streams. We went to the Warrior River drainage."

"This was before redeye fishing got popular. I remember when Kaden and I caught our first redeyes on a fly. We doubled up, and I remarked at the time that this was the hardest-fighting small fish I've ever seen in my life. They're just so strong. My love for them grew out of that."

The Scoggins brothers discovered Matt Lewis' "Fly Fishing for Redeye Bass: An Adventure Across Southern

Waters" book, which further piqued their interest.

Lewis, Drew Morgan and Jonathan Kelly formed the Redeye Fly Fishing Group and created the Redeye Slam. The Scoggins were all in.

To complete the Redeye Slam, anglers must catch each redeye species in the Mobile Basin within a calendar year. The Redeye Grand Slam requires anglers to catch all seven species within a calendar year.

Steven said between 70 and 80 people signed up for the Grand Slam challenge, but only a few people managed to accomplish it. The Scoggins brothers were the third and fourth anglers to achieve the Grand Slam.

"Kevin and I do all these adventures together," Steven said. "The Grand Slam was a very lofty goal. In 2018, when we did it, we traveled about 2,200 miles and went through untold counties and towns we'd never seen. You have to do tons and tons of research. It's about logistics. You kind of know where they live, but you're on your own. We were really tickled when we got it done."

It took the brothers from March to October to catch all seven species. But that left them without a challenge, so they stepped it up a notch.

They decided to try to catch all four Mobile Basin species in one day.

"Nobody had ever done that before," Steven said. "Most people didn't think it was possible, but over the



## COMMUNITY NEWS



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### Elba's 4th of July event will be fireworks only

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 concerns and need to continue to practice social distancing, Elba Chamber and City of Elba officials chose to limit this year's 4th of July event [Let Freedom Ring] be a fireworks only event this year. Elba Chamber director Sandy Bynum said the Let Freedom Ring event has been highly attended in the past, and there were continued concerns of being able to keep proper social distancing for the crowd if the event was held as nor-

mal. Therefore, knowing the fireworks show is the main attraction of the event, it was decided to host only the fireworks this year. Bynum said she submitted a plan to the Alabama Department of Public Health and the State Fire Marshal's Office to get approval to still host the fireworks event, and Elba was granted that approval provided that everyone practices proper social distancing. She said the request is that those attending this year's 4th of July

fireworks show park and watch from their vehicles.

The fireworks show, presented by Mike Holderfield, will begin promptly at 9 p.m. on the 4th of July. The fireworks will be shot from the same downtown location as in past years, which will allow folks to park practically anywhere they choose in the downtown area and still be able to watch the beautiful display.



Candace Vaughan of Elba United Methodist Church leads an opening prayer during the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, June 17, at 538 Adkinson Street.



Rev. Steve Reneau, pastor of Elba United Methodist Church, leads the responsive reading during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Habitat for Humanity home to be built at 538 Adkinson Street in Elba. This ceremony was held Wednesday evening, June 17th. The recipient of this home will be Tawana L. Thomas and her children - Kentana and Kendre. A second groundbreaking ceremony was held minutes later at 529 Adkinson Street for another Habitat for Humanity home to be built in Elba. The recipient of this home will be Catina Washington and children Alvin, McKenzie, Ayden, and Madalynn.

### Troy University freezes tuition for second year

Troy University trustees recently voted to freeze undergraduate and graduate tuition for the second straight year.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce for the second straight year Troy University will not increase undergraduate or graduate tuition rates. Many of our students and their families face economic uncertainty, therefore we believe this is a prudent decision," said Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. "Further, with student debt in America approaching \$1.7 trillion, it is important for us to make the university experience affordable for the students we serve."

The current undergraduate tuition of \$325 per credit hour in class and \$338 per online credit hour, and the general university fee of \$42 per credit hour will remain the same for in-state students in the coming academic year. Tuition for out-of-state students and TROY Online students will also remain the same. Graduate tuition rates will remain at \$425 in-class and \$494 online.

Trustees did approve a recommendation to increase tuition for doctoral-level degrees to \$550 in-class and online.

Hawkins cited good stewardship, cost-savings in expenses and sound financial management, in addition to slightly higher state support, as reasons for being able to hold the line on tuition costs.

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